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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazutoshi Higashiyama, et al.

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For: HYDROGEN PRODUCING  
APPARATUS AND POWER  
GENERATING SYSTEM USING IT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claims 16 and 18 as follows:

16. (Amended) A fuel cell electric power generation system comprising a hydrogen producing device, for generating electric power using hydrogen produced by the hydrogen producing device as a raw material, wherein

the hydrogen producing device is implemented by the hydrogen producing device claimed in any one of claims 1-7.

18. (Amended) A distributed power source for home use or for buildings, comprising a hydrogen producing device and a fuel cell for generating electric power by use of hydrogen produced by the hydrogen producing device, wherein

the hydrogen producing device is implemented by the hydrogen producing device claimed in any one of claims 1-7; and

the fuel cell is implemented by a polymer electrolyte fuel cell.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to place the application in better form for examination. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

16. (Amended) A fuel cell electric power generation system comprising a hydrogen producing device, for generating electric power using hydrogen produced by the hydrogen producing device as a raw material, wherein

the hydrogen producing device is implemented by the hydrogen producing device claimed in any one of claims [1-15] 1-7.

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the hydrogen producing device is implemented by the hydrogen producing device claimed in any one of claims [1-15] 1-7; and

the fuel cell is implemented by a polymer electrolyte fuel cell.